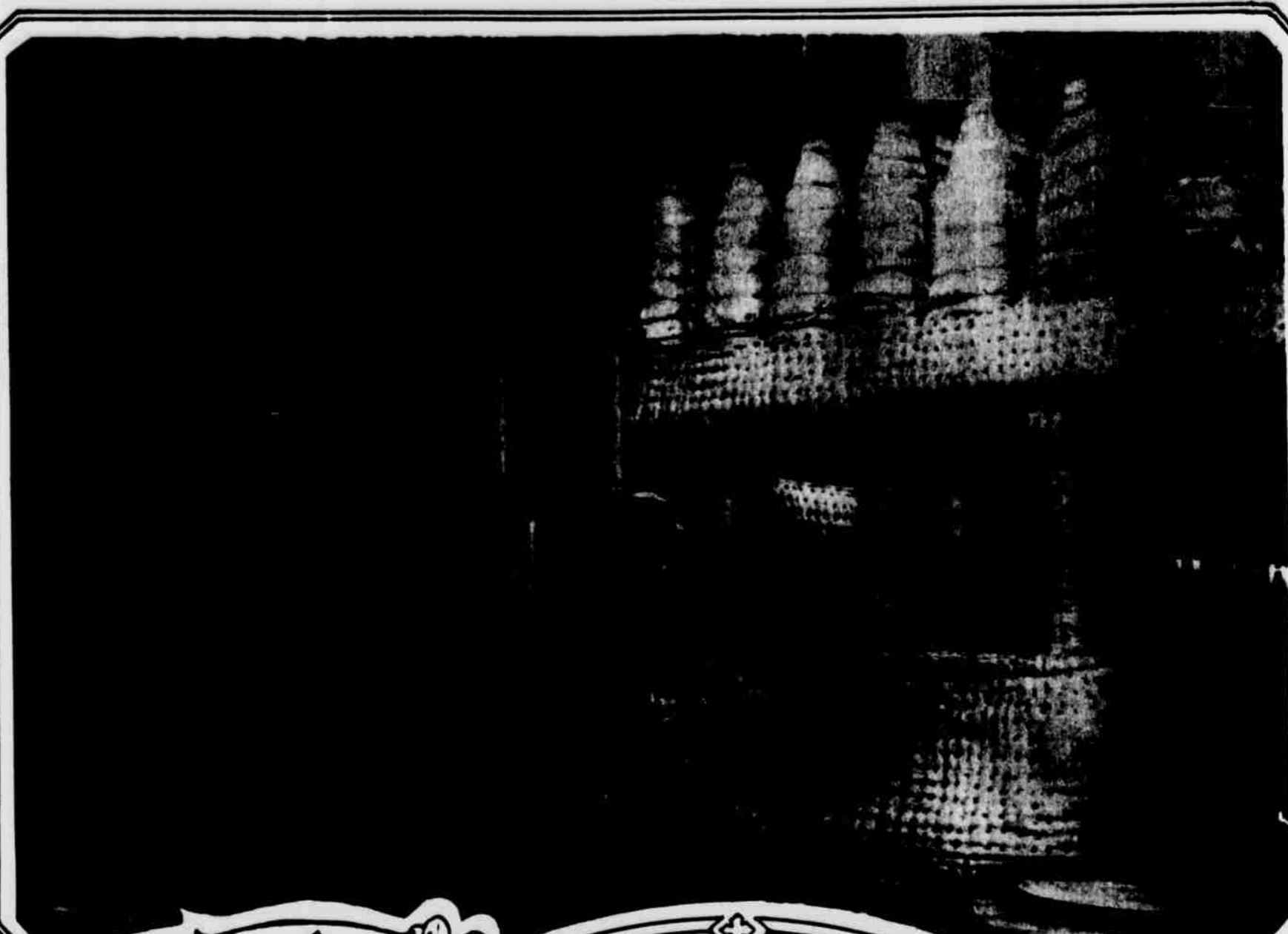


◇ VENICE PROTECTED AGAINST THE FATE OF RHEIMS ◇



Scaffolding erected at the main entrance to St. Mark's to shield the magnificent architecture from German bombs and long distance gunfire. All the removable objects have been put in a place of safety.



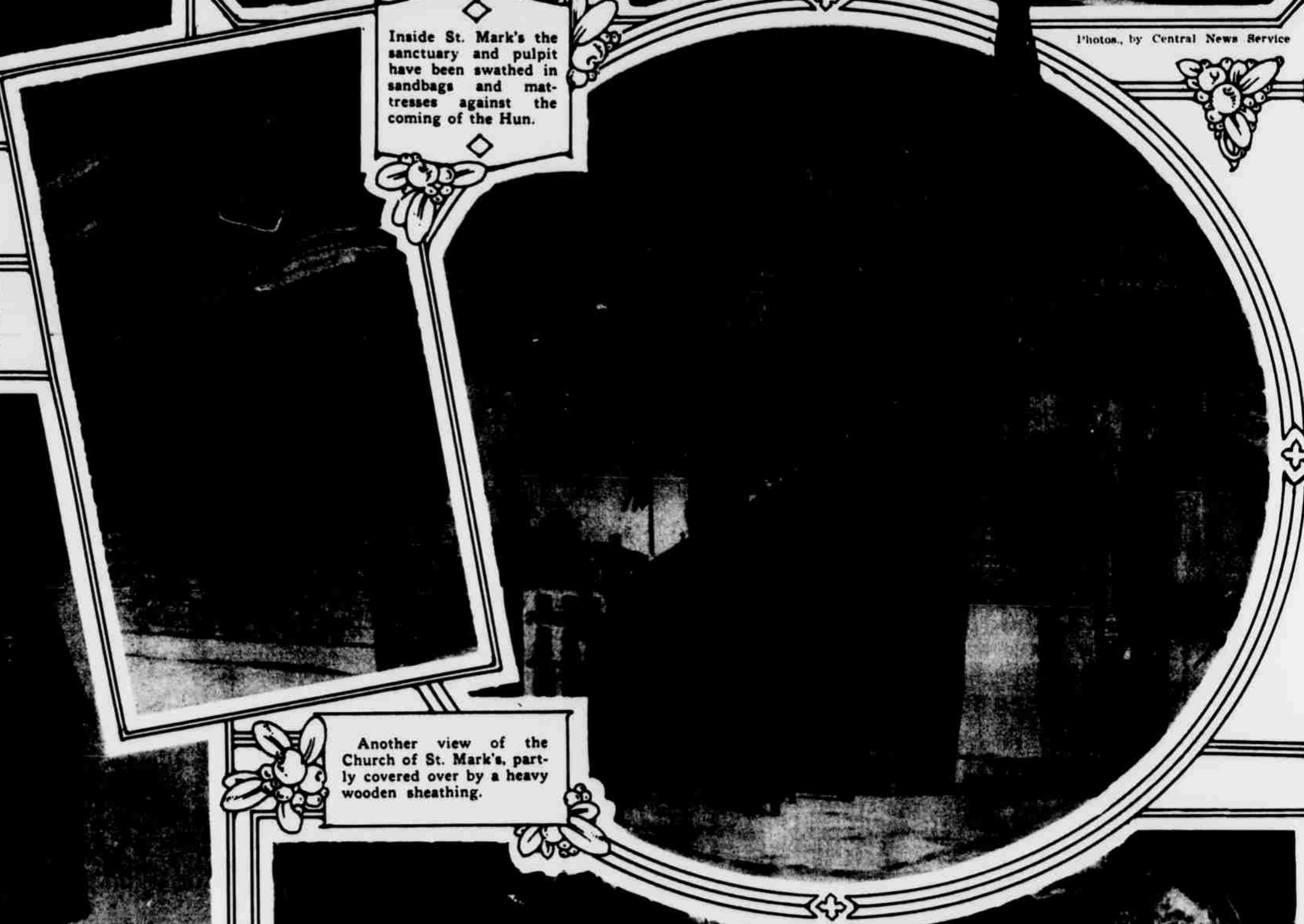
Inside St. Mark's the sanctuary and pulpit have been swathed in sandbags and mattresses against the coming of the Hun.

Photos. by Central News Service

At right—If the City of Doges is not spared from bombardment, as the Pope has requested, irreparable damage may be done. This shows how the Italians have tried to build a protection about the famous Paola monument.



The Coliana monument, being in an exposed position, and especially likely to suffer harm, is covered from top to bottom with quilting, timbers and sandbags. A false top has also been constructed in case airmen appear.



Another view of the Church of St. Mark's, partly covered over by a heavy wooden sheathing.



The interior of the Church of Sts. John and Paul has been made ready for the worst. This picture was taken while the task of erecting the safeguards was still under way. Since then the upper part of the structure has been covered over.